

Britain and U.S. Are Drafting Treaty To Check Spread of Atomic Weapons

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LONDON, May 27 (AP) Prime Minister Wilson disclosed today that Britain and the United States together are drafting a treaty to check the spread of nuclear weapons. Government officials expect the draft to be complete in a week or so for discussion with other allied powers.

Sources at the same time reported that Britain intends to press soon for international action to ban all nuclear weapons tests—including underground explosions. The aim would be to transform

the partial test ban treaty of 1963 into a complete ban.

To achieve this the Wilson government was said to be in favor of reducing considerably the Western demand for at least seven on-site inspections a year. This demand, rejected by Russia, has blocked negotiation of a complete test ban agreement.

Wilson's statement, answering a House of Commons questioner, gave no details of the joint British-American draft treaty.

There seems to be a possi-

bility, however, that it may be presented to the U.N. Disarmament Commission in New York if it is swiftly endorsed by other allied powers.

In general the British-American aim is to bind the nuclear powers never to transfer actual H-weapons, the information on how to make them or give control of the weapons to nations that do not now possess them, and to bind non-nuclear powers never to manufacture, buy or otherwise acquire control of H-weapons.